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1. SUMMARY: MEETING OPENED WITH READING BY US REP OF
PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE TO THE CONFERENCE. GENERAL
DEBATE THEN BEGAN WITH STATEMENTS BY EGYPT, UN UNDER
SECRETARY GENERAL FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT,
NORWAY, WEST GERMANY, ILO, UNIDO, PANAMA, KUWAIT, (BRITISH)
COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT, DEPUTY SG OF UNCSTD, JORDAN,
VENEZUELA, CHINA, IMCO, IRAQ, UN UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL FOR
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, BOLIVIA, ECE, ECLA,
ECA, PERU, AND PARAGUAY.

2. PLENARY HIGHLIGHTS: AT INVITATION OF PLENARY CHAIRMAN
POZZO AT START OF MORNING MEETING, USREP READ TO CONFERENCE
THE MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER. (WILL SEND SEPARATE
CABLE ON REACTIONS TO MESSAGE IN FEW DAYS.)

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3. EGYPT - (MINISTER OF PLANNING DR. ABDEL RAZZAK ABDEL MEGUID):
PRINCIPAL THEME OF THE EGYPTIAN STATEMENT (WHICH WILL HAVE AN
IMPORTANT IMPACT ON CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS GIVEN ABDEL MEGUID'S
CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE MAIN COMMITTEE) WAS THAT THE TCDC CONFERENCE
IS KEY TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NIEO, WHOSE REALIZATION WOULD
BENEFIT ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. THE STATEMENT'S MAJOR

PROPOSAL WAS THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD ORGANIZE AN OECD-LIKE INSTITUTION FOR THE SOUTH, OUTSIDE THE UN AND FUND FUNDED SEPARATELY BY THE SOUTH, TO SUPPLEMENT THE WORK OF UN AGENCIES IN ASSISTING THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ANALYZE ECONOMIC ISSUES AND DEVELOP NEGOTIATING POSITIONS TO ASSURE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE FROM WORLD COOPERATION. THE STATEMENT, WHICH OFTEN REITERATED THAT THE GOALS OF TCDC INCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSER NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONSHIPS, ENDED WITH A STRONG PLEA FOR COOPERATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION.

5. THE REST OF THE MORNING'S STATEMENTS WERE HIGHLIGHTED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) UN UNDERSECRETARY GENERAL DJERMAKAYE ANNOUNCED THAT A TCDC PROJECT UNIT HAS BEEN SET UP WITHIN UN/OTC; (B)

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THE FRG EMERAFF UNDP SECRETARIAT, AND CONTINUATION OF UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL AS THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL BODY CONCERNED WITH TCDC; (C) ILO OPPOSED CREATION OF NEW UN MECHANISMS FOR TCDC; (D) PANAMA ANNOUNCED THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP HAD SELECTED CELA AS ITS PRINCIPAL REGIONAL LEVEL TCDC MECHANISM; AND (E) KUWAIT EMPHASIZED NEED TO STRENGTHEN EXISTING UN TCDC MACHINERY RATHER THAN CREATING NEW ONES.

6. IN AFTERNOON SESSION, JORDANIAN CROWN PRINCE HASSAN LED OFF WITH AN ELOQUENT STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEMS BESETTING UNCLASSIFIED

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THE LDC'S AND A RINGING, UPBEAT EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT TCDC COULD HELP BREAK THE CYCLE OF LDC POVERTY AND DESPAIR. RAMPHAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT CALLED FOR BREAKING DOWN ADDITUDINAL BARRIERS, BROADENING ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AND AN OECD FOR THE SOUTH.

7 GRISFORD, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (UNCSTD), SPOKE OF UNCSTD AS PART OF A CONTINUUM OF WHICH THE YEARS OF PREPARATION WERE INTEGRAL AND CRUCIAL. HE POINTED OUT THE CONSIDERABLE COMMON GROUND BETWEEN THE TCDC AND UNCSTD PLANS OF ACTION; AND HIS EXPECTATION THAT THE UNCSTD WOULD DRAW AND BUILD ON THE RESULTS OF THE TCDC CONFERENCE.

8. VENEZUELA EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR ADEQUATE FUNDING OF TCDC ACTIVITIES FROM BOTH THE LDC'S AND THE WEST BUT MADE NO SPECIFIC PROROMISCES ITSELF; CHINA GAVE AN EXCELLENT OUTLINE (FULL TEXT BY SEPTTEL) OF ITS OVERALL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND THE NEED FOR TCDC; THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (IMCO) DETAILED THE IMPORTANCE OF MARITIME DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION IN TCDC; IRAQ MENTIONED THE

"BRAIN DRAIN" PROBLEM, BUT CALLED ON THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO TAKE MEASURES TO COMBAT IT; THE UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS SPOKE OF TCDC ACTIVITIES THAT ARE ALREADY OCCURRING; BOLIVIA EMPHASIZED STRONGLY THE NEED TO AVOID A NEW TCDC BUREAUCRACY; THE ECE DISCUSSED TCDC'S COMPLEMENTARITY TO TRADITIONAL NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS AND MENTIONED FAVORABLE PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE TO THE CONFERENCE.

9. INGLESSAS OF ECLA GAVE A RINGING STATEMENT ON THE NEEDS FOR: CHANGE TOWARD A NIEO; TCDC; SELF-RELIANCE WHICH IS NOT AUTARKY; AND THE NEED FOR THE LDC'S TO FORM NEW HABITS AND LOOK TO THEMSELVES BEFORE ASKING FOR HELP FROM THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES.
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DR. ADEDEJI OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA LINKED TCDC WITH ECONOMIC COOPERATION; WANTED CONCRETE PROGRAMS FOR TCDC; AND SPOKE OF TRILATERAL COOPERATION INVOLVING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. PERU EMPHASIZED LDC RESPONSIBILITY FOR TCDC BEGINNING WITH NATIONAL SELF-RELIANCE AND MOVING TOWARDS COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE SAYING EACH COUNTRY SHOULD DONATE ITS TCDC RESOURCES AND THE UN SYSTEM SHOULD MOBILIZE THE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES NECESSARY TO MAKE THE WHOLE IDEA WORK. PARAGUAY'S PRESENTATION EMPHASIZED WHAT IT IS DOING INTERNALLY IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
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